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SUBJ: FULBRIGHT-HAYS LECTURER FOR BAHAMAS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH PRINCIPAL OF COLLEGE OF BAHAMAS TO DISCUSS CONTENT OF REF B AND PARTICULARLY THE POSSIBILITY OF COST SHARING. PRINCIPAL SAID THAT HE ESTIMATED COST OF FUNDING LECTURER FOR FULL ACADEMIC YEAR WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 12,000.00, AND THAT HE HAD SENT EMBASSY A LETTER WITH A LIST OF DESIRED ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATIONS OF PROPOSED LECTURERS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY. FIRST WAS EDUCATION SPECIALIST CAPABLE OF INSTRUCTING REMEDIAL READING FOR ADULTS FOLLOWED BY THE TEACHING OF READING (FOR SCHOOL EDUCATORS).
 2. PRINCIPAL WAS UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO COMMIT COLLEGE TO ANY COST SHARING. (HE HAS JUST RESIGNED HIS POSITION AND BELIEVES THAT ANY RECOMMENDATION ON COST SHARING TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION MUST COME FROM HIS SUCCESSOR WHO HAS YET TO BE NAMED AND WILL PROBABLY NOT ASSUME POSITION UNTIL NEXT SEPTEMBER.) IN HIS OPINION GIVEN PERSONNEL CHANGES AND LENGTHY TIME PERIOD NECESSARY TO MOVE COST SHARING PROPOSAL THROUGH LOCAL BUREAUCRACY IT WOULD THEREFORE PROBABLY BE BETTER TO CONCENTRATE ON 1978-79 FISCAL YEAR.
 3. COMMENT: EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS FULBRIGHT LECTURER AT COLLEGE OF BAHAMAS. WE FEEL THAT LECTURER IN REMEDIAL READING FOR ADULTS PARTICULARLY AS IT APPLIES TO INSTRUCTING
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TEACHERS TO TEACH ADULT REMEDIAL READING IS IMPORTANT IN

RAISING EDUCATIONAL LEVEL AND IN ADDITION WOULD HAVE A STRONG
MULTIPLIER EFFECT. WE ALSO FEEL THAT DAY TO DAY EXPOSURE BY
COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO AMERICAN METHODOLOGY WHICH A
FULBRIGHT LECTURER COULD PROVIDE WOULD BE A DEFINITE PLUS.
WE WOULD BE, NEVERTHELESS, RELUCTANT TO SCRAP OUR ENTIRE
CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO FUND THIS POSITION. GIVEN
COLLEGE'S INABILITY TO ASSIST WITH COST SHARING FOR '77-'78,
WE UNFORTUNATELY SEE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAN DEFERRING PROGRAM
UNTIL '78-'79.
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